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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning rules relating to copayments and other
2 information regarding services provided to medical assistance
3 recipients.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES == COPAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN
1 2 SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The
1 3 department of human services shall adopt or amend rules under
1 4 the medical assistance program to provide for all of the
1 5 following:
1 6 1. A copayment charge shall not be applicable for a
1 7 recipient of care as an inpatient at a hospital, nursing
1 8 facility, state mental health institute, or other medical
1 9 institution if the person is required, as a condition of
1 10 receiving services in the hospital, facility, or institution,
1 11 to spend for costs of necessary medical care all but a minimal
1 12 amount of income for personal needs.
1 13 2. A copayment charge of five dollars shall be applicable
1 14 for all covered services rendered in a hospital emergency room
1 15 if the medical condition does not result in an inpatient
1 16 admission to the hospital at the time of the emergency room
1 17 visit or at a subsequent time.
1 18 3. The eligibility card of any recipient of medical
1 19 assistance twenty-one years of age or older shall include a
1 20 statement regarding the copayment charge for office visits and
1 21 emergency room visits.
1 22 4. Any Medipass program card shall include a statement
1 23 informing the recipient that the recipient must see the doctor
1 24 whose name is printed on the card or receive a referral from
1 25 such doctor in order to receive coverage for nonemergent
1 26 medical services.

EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill directs the department of human services to adopt
1 28 or amend rules for the medical assistance program to provide
1 29 for all of the following:
1 30 1. That a copayment charge shall not be applicable for a
1 31 recipient of care as an inpatient at a hospital, nursing
1 32 facility, state mental health institute, or other medical
1 33 institution if the person is required, as a condition of
1 34 receiving services in the hospital, facility, or institution,
2 1 to spend for costs of necessary medical care all but a minimal
2 2 amount of income for personal needs. Current rules provide
2 3 that a copayment does not apply to such care in such
2 4 facilities, but does not specify that the copayment is only
2 5 not applicable to care provided to an individual as an
2 6 inpatient.
2 7 2. A copayment charge of \$5 for all covered services
2 8 rendered in a hospital emergency room if the medical condition
2 9 does not result in an inpatient admission to the hospital at
2 10 the time of the emergency room visit or at a subsequent time.
2 11 Current rules provide that copayment charges are not
2 12 applicable for emergency services.
2 13 3. The eligibility card of any recipient of medical
2 14 assistance 21 years of age or older is to include a statement
2 15 of the copayment charge for office visits and emergency room
2 16 visits.
2 17 4. A Medipass program card is to include a statement
2 18 informing the recipient that the recipient must see the doctor
2 19 whose name is printed on the card or receive a referral from

2 20 such doctor in order to receive coverage for nonemergent
2 21 medical services.
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